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## News of attack surprises dorm residents

Cuesta students say they were not told about December dorm assault

By Matthew Hoy  
Staff Writer

Cuesta College students staying in Cal Poly's Sierra Madre Residence Hall were never informed of an attack as they lived there for nearly a week afterward — while the attacker roamed free.

The attack, which occurred in Sierra Madre on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12, is still news to many Cal Poly students a month later because most had already returned home after completing final exams.

But for Cuesta students who

remained in Sierra Madre's Tower Zero for their final week of classes, news of the attack was also a surprise, they say — because no hall personnel told them about it.

Erika Maas, a Cuesta College student who lives in Sierra Madre, said she wasn't aware of the attack until almost a week afterward. "I think they should have told us," she said.

Maas said she learned of the attack when she went home a week later and her parents showed her a Telegram-Tribune article about it.

Cal Poly business junior Jennifer Holmes said she also didn't know about the attack.

"I didn't hear anything about it until I read it in (Mustang Daily)," Holmes said.

The night following the attack, doors leading into Tower Zero were left open when a contractor mistakenly changed locks on the occupied tower, according to Cal Poly Housing Director Stephan Lamb on Monday.

The locks are normally changed when the dorms are closed down immediately after fall quarter because of Cal Poly students' lease agreements, Lamb said.

But locks on Tower Zero were also changed, despite Cuesta stu-

dents who live there having a week of class left.

Lamb said the Housing Department instructed that Tower Zero be exempt from the change. But the locks were changed anyway, he said.

Resident advisers worked overtime letting people into the tower. But doors were left open some of the night, Lamb said.

Home economics junior Stephanie Claassen, a Sierra Madre resident adviser, said the attack was announced at an all-hall meeting Jan. 3, and that residents were warned. "I've been stressing that women on my floor keep their doors locked," she said.

But attendance at the meet-

ing was moderate, Claassen said. And many people didn't find out about the attack until they read it either in last Friday's Mustang Daily or by word of mouth.

"It's so hard to inform people if they don't go to meetings," Claassen said.

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## Cuts may force staff reductions, fee increases

By Marla R. Van Schuyver  
Staff Writer

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year paints a gloomy scene for many Californians — especially those in the California State University system.

Fee increases, enrollment reductions, department cuts and staff eliminations all are likely possibilities given the 4.5 percent, \$67.7 million reduction the governor is asking state universities to make, officials said Monday.

"It's very misleading for stu-

Wilson budget gloomy; Poly officials ready for worse

dents to think there won't be a fee increase with the budget taking these kinds of decreases," said Steve MacCarthy, director of CSU public affairs.

Wilson has asked for student fee increases for students attending community colleges as well as University of California and CSU campuses.

It is expected the CSU Board of Trustees also will ask the Legislature to approve student increases to keep state schools operating in spite of

massive cuts, MacCarthy said. The Board is scheduled to meet in Long Beach on Jan. 26 and 27.

But students aren't the only ones likely to feel the brunt of the budget shortfalls.

"When there are 5 to 6 percent reductions (in the CSU budget), obviously, there are going to be reductions here," said Charles Crabb, vice president of Academic Resources. "It could mean layoffs or loss of positions for lecturers because we just wouldn't hire them

back.

"There is going to be some impact. There is no way we are going to be able to clear the budget without reductions."

On Saturday, the San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune reported that as many as 600 fewer students will be admitted to Cal Poly next fall.

But Crabb said Monday those numbers are incorrect.

"We are not anywhere near being able to put numbers like that on enrollment reductions," he said. "Our planning horizon

is on a five-year plan. We are making small, incremental changes. We could never cut enrollment enough to keep up with the budget cuts.

"We are making the decisions in the next two to three weeks on enrollment for the fall," he added. "We are not going to send out a letter in April or May that says, 'We know we accepted you and we appreciate your interest, but our budget won't let us take as many students now. We're

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## Fee hike for health services considered

By Linda Aha  
Staff Writer

Tack on another possible fee increase, this one coming from the Health Center.

The California State University Board of Trustees voted to authorize Chancellor Barry Munitz to allow individual campuses to charge students for health ser-

vices that were formerly provided free or at a nominal cost.

"Nothing is set in cement yet," said Dr. Kerry Yamada, director of Cal Poly's Health and Psychological Services.

"But it is a fact that a fee increase is in discussion," he added.

According to CSU officials, a fee increase may only be obtained if a univer-

sity meets certain requirements.

The president of the campus must demonstrate financial need and must have consulted the school's Student Health Advisory Committee before proposing a fee increase.

Health cards, which sold for \$25 last quarter, are most likely to be the target if a fee increase hits Cal Poly.

Mandatory health fees — currently implemented at San Francisco and Sonoma state universities — are possibilities that could ease the lack of funds, Yamada said.

"The situation for the Health Center has been bleak," he said. "In the last two years, we've lost about \$1 million."

"This means people and resources," Yamada added.

While suffering from budget cuts, the Health Center has laid off 12 employees, including one doctor and one nurse practitioner.

The Health Center also had to discontinue special student services not covered under the basic services, such as oral health and weekend treatment, as well as reducing lab and X-ray services.

Under the trustees' policy, the Health Center must supply only basic services.

But Yamada said they must do more.

"We need to think about what the students need," he said. "If a student comes in with lacerations from an intramural sports injury, they need timely respon-



STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily  
Blochemistry major Arturo Angel helps student Toni Perez at the pharmacy.

"If we are to continue, we need to come up with a fee structure."

Yamada said Health Center administrators want a fee structure cheaper than what students would pay for off-campus treatment.

But lack of funding continues to threaten popular specialty services like dermatology.



STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily  
Nurse Practitioner Marie Chew examines blochemistry major Janet Naka's ear.

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## WORLD★NATION★STATE

## Deficit looms after 12 years of Reagan-Bush promises

## Washington, D.C.

Ronald Reagan marched into the White House a dozen years ago with a budget he said would erase the federal deficit by 1984 and proclaimed, "There is nothing wrong with America that we can't fix."

But last Wednesday, President Bush had to admit that the budget President-elect Clinton inherits is still badly broken, despite 12 years of Reagan-Bush promises to eliminate the red ink.

And while Democrats and Republicans hotly dispute who is to blame, nobody contests that the government's finances are in big trouble.

In his final look at the government's fiscal house before leaving office, Bush projected Wednesday that the budget shortfall will hit a record \$327 billion in fiscal 1993, which ends Sept. 30. After dipping slightly, he estimated that it will rise again to \$320 billion by 1998.

The dreary projections follow six different spending plans presented over the

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years by Reagan and Bush proclaiming that the budget would soon go into the black, including:

—Reagan's first budget, which projected a \$500 million surplus in fiscal 1984 through tax cuts and slashes in domestic programs — plus big defense spending increases. Instead, 1984 saw a \$185 billion shortfall.

—Bush's first two budgets, unveiled in 1989 and 1990, which predicted small surpluses in 1993 — this year.

—Bush's third budget, released in 1991, which estimated a \$20 billion surplus in 1996.

As a result, the federal debt — the government's accumulated I.O.U. — has

ballooned from \$994 billion when Reagan took office in 1981 to an expected \$4.4 trillion by the end of 1993.

What went wrong?

It depends who is asked, and the answers are both political and economic.

Democrats say Reagan's deep tax cuts and military buildup were a sure-fire recipe for huge deficits. The domestic spending cuts he sought never were embraced in Congress, even by Republicans, and stood no chance of enactment, they say.

Democrats also cite the reluctance by Reagan and Bush to seek significant tax increases.

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years to tell the American people that the worst thing that could happen to them, next to a nuclear war, was a tax increase, and Reagan was never really sure which was worse," Charles Schultze, chairman of President Carter's Council of Economic Advisers, said Friday.

Conservative Republicans say Bush lost his nerve and hurt the economy by agreeing to raise taxes in the 1990 budget deal.

"They didn't keep the faith, they didn't stay the course," says James C. Miller III, one of Reagan's budget directors and chairman of the board of Citizens for a Sound Economy, a conservative pro-business group.

Bush administration officials point their fingers at outside factors like the Federal Reserve, which they blamed for slowing the economy by keeping interest rates too high.

"The OMB director isn't chairman of the Fed," Richard Darman, director of Bush's Office of Management and Budget, said Wednesday.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Job creation upswing predicted

## Washington, D.C.

Economic forecasters predicted Sunday that American businesses will create 1.59 million jobs in 1993, the most in four years but a weak showing compared to other economic recoveries.

If the forecasters are right, President-elect Clinton will enter the White House aided by the best employment performance since payrolls grew by 2.11 million during President Bush's first year.

The consensus prediction of the 50 economists surveyed by Blue Chip Economic Indicators compares to an anemic 557,000 non-farm payroll growth in 1992, the final year of the Bush administration.

The economy lost 955,000 jobs in 1991 and 56,000 in 1990 as the last recession took its toll.

The actual job growth in 1992 and the projected payroll additions in 1993 illustrate the sluggishness of the current recovery.

The number of new jobs grew by 3.5 million in 1983 and by 3.98 million in 1984, the years following the previous recession.

The Blue Chip survey — the first of the new year — projects the economy will grow just 2.9 percent this year. Although it would be the fastest pace since a 3.9 percent expansion in 1988, it would be just half of the average growth following other recessions since World War II.

The government will not issue its estimate of 1992 growth until late this month, but President Bush's budget projected last week the economy expanded by 1.8 percent.

The Bush projections, based on assumptions by the Blue Chip economists, call for 2.6 percent growth this year and 3.0 percent in 1994.

The Blue Chip survey projects economic growth at 3.2 percent next year.

Economic growth surged by 3.9 percent in 1983 and 6.2 percent in 1984.

But the modest growth will continue to curb inflation, the survey predicted.

The consensus calls for the Consumer Price Index to increase 3.1 percent this year and 3.6 percent in 1994. For the first 11 months of 1992, inflation was rising at a 3.1 percent annual rate.

Survey participants represent banks, businesses, economic forecasting services, universities and Wall Street firms.

## Perot's back, asking for money

## Dallas, Texas

Ross Perot is back in the public eye. Today he's not asking for votes — but for money.

Two months after garnering nearly 20 percent of the vote in his grass-roots bid for president, Perot has changed his supporters' organization, United We Stand, America, into a political watchdog group.

Using that as a base, the Dallas billionaire hopes to maintain some political influence after the victor — President-elect Clinton — takes office.

"We can literally provide the vote that determines who gets elected," Perot says in a training video sent to his state and local campaign leaders, who've now been tapped to recruit for the new group.

After a news conference today, Perot was returning to TV talk shows to seek members who'll pay \$15 annual dues. He also will run 60-second TV commercials beginning Jan. 25.

The organization, with a paid staff of 30 in Dallas, will monitor elected officials' voting records and follow issues, particularly government reform and deficit reduction, which Perot championed in his independent run for president last fall.

It won't back candidates, but it may rate officeholders as other interest groups do.

Perot's 19 percent of the vote was the most of any third-party candidate since 1912. Based on that showing, Perot believes United We Stand, America, can become a force to be reckoned with.

"Anybody who got 19 million votes has made a place for himself, no question about it," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist.

In Maine, where Perot received his highest percentage of the vote in November — 30.4 percent — campaign chief Steve Bost said he has spent more than a month getting other backers ready.

## Clinton may postpone tax cut

## Washington, D.C.

President-elect Clinton's promise of a middle-class tax cut may be postponed because of the larger-than-expected deficit and worries about the strength of the economic recovery, congressional leaders said Sunday.

"I'm not sure in the light of the present circumstances, that (a tax cut) shouldn't be rethought," said House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., who has favored such a cut in the past.

Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., another member of the House Democratic leadership, said he too supports a tax break for middle-income Americans, but "whether we can afford it under these circumstances is questionable."

Clinton and his economic advisers are wrestling with how to handle last week's news from the Bush administration that this year's deficit may hit a record \$327 billion — as much as \$60 billion larger than had been believed.

Sunday's comments by leading Democrats appeared to pave the way for Clinton to back away from one of his central campaign promises.

Clinton transition officials acknowledged last week that in light of the new deficit estimates, proposals for a middle-class tax cut are being reviewed and that an increase in the gasoline tax — a broad levy that would affect middle-income people — is being viewed more closely.

Foley, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said because of the growing deficit any decision on a tax cut should be studied carefully, perhaps limiting benefits to middle-class families with children.

On the same program Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said that while he favors tax code changes to help the middle class it may not be possible this year.

"If we can do it this year, fine. If we can't because of the deficit ... then at the earliest opportunity in the future," said Mitchell, who argued that middle-income Americans have seen their taxes increase in recent years while high- and low-income people benefited from tax breaks.

Although Clinton repeatedly has said his first priority as president will be an economic plan addressing recovery and the deficit, the process has slowed because of the changing deficit numbers and questions over whether economic recovery is taking hold.

"It could be 'read my lips' all over again," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., alluding to President Bush's campaign promise in 1988 not to raise taxes, which Bush later abandoned.

On the CBS program "Face the Nation" Dole said there is "no way" Clinton will be able to fulfill a campaign promise to cut the deficit in half over the next four years. He also characterized new gasoline taxes as a tax on the middle class.

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# New program takes recycling one step further

## Styrofoam among polystyrene trash to be recycled

By Brad Hamilton  
Senior Staff Writer

Cal Poly has kicked up its effort to keep America clean by beginning polystyrene recycling.

Polystyrene includes Styrofoam, "Green Cuisine" salad containers and any other items displaying the recycling number "six." Posters displaying actual polystyrene items denote the recycling bins located next to the trash bins in the Snack Bar and Sandwich Plant.

Recycling will begin at Vista Grande Cafe when bins arrive in about a week.

The ordered recycling bins will also replace the converted trash bins lined with plastic bags used at the Snack Bar and Sandwich Plant, according to Custodian Richard Wagner.

"Between 98 and 99 percent (of the recycling bins contents) have been good Styrofoam, but a few potato chip bags, partly eaten sandwiches and fries still get mixed in," Wagner said as he opened a recycling bin and sifted through it.

Recycling polystyrene will in-

volve custodians removing and storing the contents on campus until enough is collected to utilize a newly-purchased baler, Wagner said.

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custodian

The \$8,000 baler sits behind the Dining Complex and compacts the collected polystyrene into transportable cubes, he said. The cubes are shipped to SLOCO Recycles in San Luis Obispo where they are sifted through

and contamination is removed.

SLOCO Recycles Office Manager Sigrid Houlette said her company trucks the once-again sifted and baled polystyrene to Talco Plastics in Los Angeles.

At the plastics company, the polystyrene is ground, washed, dried, re-ground, melted, extruded, cooled and cut into pellets.

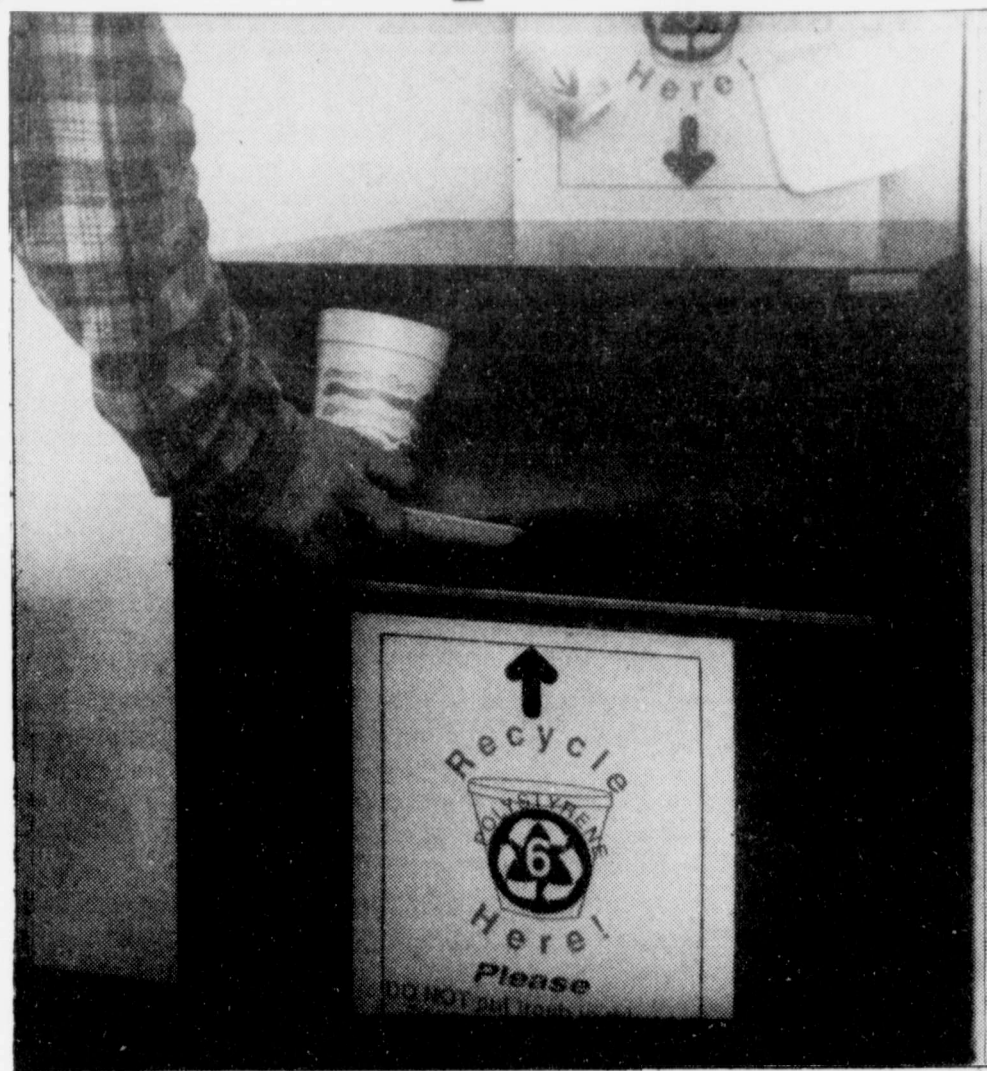
The pellets are packaged and transported to various plastic companies which use them to make things like clothes hangers, computer discs, compact disc cases and park benches.

More information on recycling polystyrene can be found on table tents and signs. Occasionally, students might encounter an employee standing next to the recycling bins explaining the program.

Wagner said the program took about 2 1/2 years to materialize.

"We've reached a point where we have to do this," he said.

The program was talked about, but nobody knew how to implement recycling polystyrene, Wagner said.



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Students can find the new recycling bins for polystyrene products at two campus locations in the Snack Bar and Sandwich Plant.

The custodian also said the main problem with the program has been the contamination of the polystyrene bins.

Campus Dining Marketing Director Kathleen Pennington has received information claim-

ing non-polystyrene items found in recycling bins deem the entire content unworthy of recycling. But SLOCO Recycles' Houlette said contamination is allowable.

"We won't reject (contaminated bales of polystyrene), but it just makes it more difficult for us to sift through," she said.

The idea to recycle polystyrene materialized in 1989 with the establishment of the National Polystyrene Recycling Company (NPRC), funded by eight leading manufacturers of polystyrene plastics.

NPRC plans to expand its program to recycle at least 250

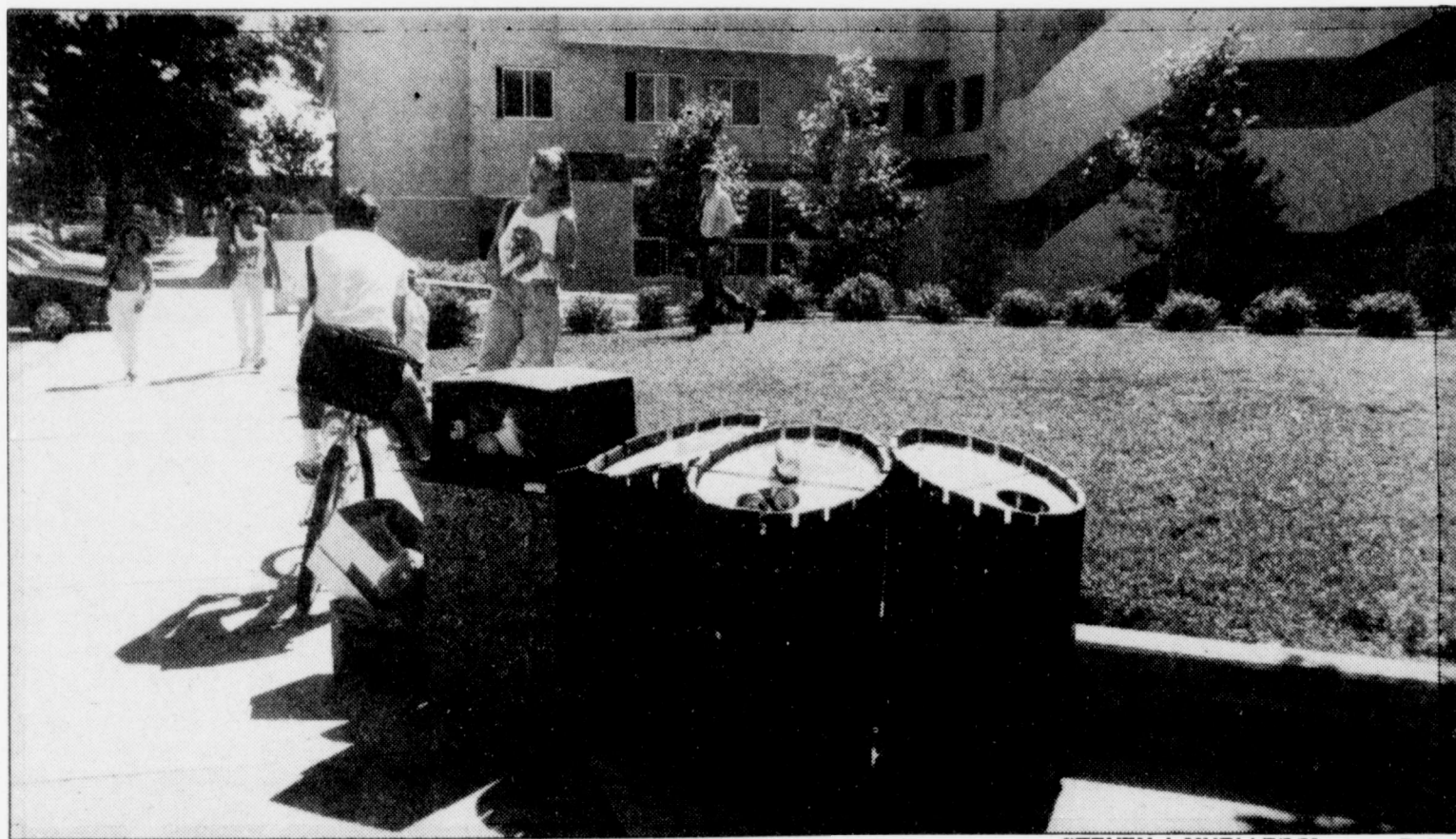
million pounds of polystyrene per year by 1995, an amount equal to 25 percent of the polystyrene produced in the United States for food service and packaging applications each year, according to a NPRC press release.

Pennington said no bags of polystyrene were worth recycling last Monday, the first day of the program. Now 12 or 14 bags a day are clean enough, she said.

Cal Poly uses 123,500 Styrofoam cups a month. The Sandwich Plant and Snack Bar use 46,900 cups a month and Vista Grande uses 19,000.

Recycling polystyrene is an effort to cut down on the trash dumped in landfills.

The United States throws away enough municipal solid waste to fill 63,000 garbage trucks a day, the release said.



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Old recycling bins found around campus are designated just for glass bottles and aluminum cans.

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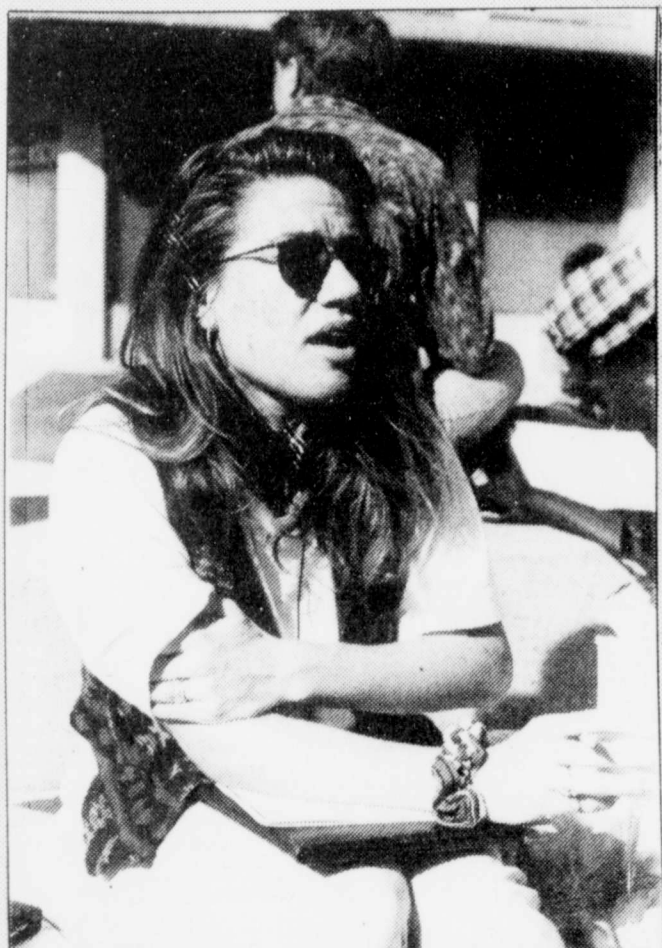
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## IN YOUR OPINION...

## TOPIC:

This week, students were asked for their opinion on Gov. Pete Wilson's budgetary decisions and how they might affect Cal Poly and the rest of California's education system.



Personally, I feel higher education is extremely important. You have to deal with the future, and there is no future in state prison.

I don't think (Wilson) was forced into these decisions; I think it was just poor judgement.

I had to withdraw last quarter because I wasn't able to pay for all my registration because of the fee hike. Then, because I had to withdraw, my loan got canceled, and my financial aid got canceled. So I had to reapply for my loan. The money that I was credited for my tuition went back to my loan company.

I don't think I have too much control over the situation and I really don't want to deal with it. Obviously I can't do anything about it now, but I want to do what I can after I'm out of here.

The only advice I have is to hurry up and get your ass out of here.

-- Heather Derr  
Ag Business

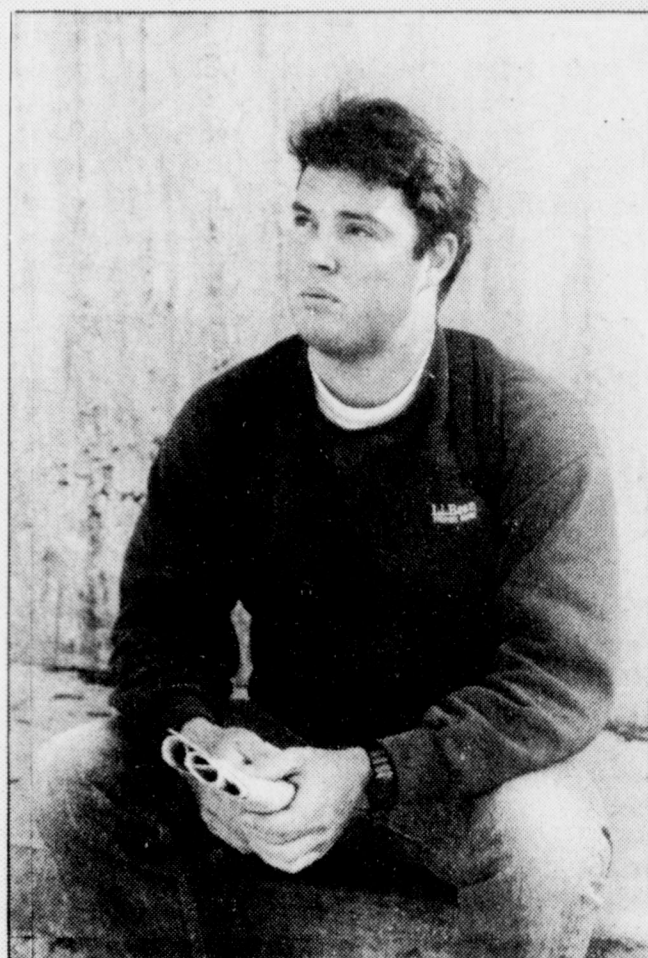


I think what's really going to happen is you're going to see the repeal of the one particular act which limits the amount of fee increases over the next two years. I don't know if you'll see (a fee increase) on the level of a 40 percent increase.

I think there will be some cutbacks in services, too. I think, in terms of this year's budget... we're going to get hit pretty hard.

I tend to think it would hit other campuses first, and then eventually hit. But I think, overall, you're going to see increases, and then decreases in services.

-- Mike Rockenstein  
Political Science



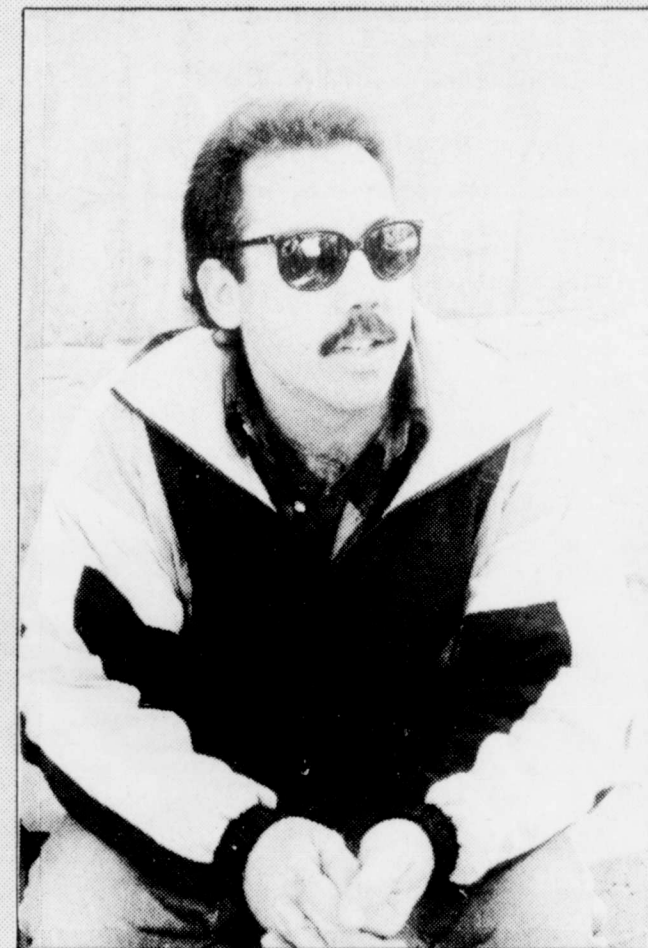
It's not Gov. Wilson's fault; it's Willie Brown, he's in control.

We're going to get hit hard and it's not going to be fun, but at the same time, the whole country's going to get hit hard.

I really can't say anything about it because I don't know that much about it, but it's going to hit hard, definitely.

There will probably be department cuts and activity cuts and clubs, and maybe even sports. But I don't really know, I'm kind of new here.

-- Tom Mobley  
Political Science



I don't think (Wilson) made the right decisions at all. I think that education is the foundation of our country, and I think we need to support that more than any other category.

I think they need to put more money into schools because that's really the only way you get results; through schooling. The places that are (receiving) money to expand, maybe they just need more reform. I think with education we'll have less prisoners in the future.

I sympathize with (Wilson's) position; it's just like Baker's here at school. They have some tough decisions to make, and they're trying to please anyone, as any politician would.

I guess you have certain people agreeing with certain decisions and not with others. I disagree with them and agree with others. I sympathize with their positions.

-- Mark Theodore  
Crop Science

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## COMMENTARY

# Exposing the Walrus



By Peter Hartlaub

I had this really bad teacher once.

It was a sociology class at Cal Poly and he was much too bad for his badness to be described in one or two sentences.

Basically, he had an ornery, nervous way of carrying himself, like a guy who had shot up a lot of drugs and was having trouble quitting. Combined with his big cowboy mustache, he always reminded me of a walrus on heroin.

This in itself I don't have a problem with. I come from San Francisco where it's perfectly normal to act like a walrus on heroin (or a penguin on crack, or a poodle abusing Somnux). It's part of the flavor of the city.

I just don't like the state's hard pressed tax dollars being wasted so a guy who acts like a walrus on heroin can teach absolutely nothing to 600 or so defenseless students over the course of the year.

I understand he can't be fired on the basis of my piddly student input. I think he acts like a walrus on heroin. He thinks he is a fine contributor to the teaching industry. I have an opinion. He has tenure.

I accept defeat. But at least allow my complaints to be public and available to other students.

It's time for teacher evaluations.

While I'm not the teacher evaluation knowledge sheriff of the universe, there are a few things I have deduced about the process.

**Premise 1: Students have tried to get teacher evaluations but to no avail** — our current ASI president pursued it all last year. It is something that has received no student protest.

**Premise 2: Teachers and administrators make almost all the major decisions on campus** — except the essentially useless ones like the name of the new taco stand and the color of carnations used on the rabbits ears in the rose float. Even last year's student athletic referendum was only advisory. It was little more than a glorified opinion poll to help an administrator make the real decision.

So I'm going to be hasty and conclude that someone, somewhere in the academic senate or

administration, is holding this up.

I suppose, then, that this pleading is directed at them.

I respect your authority, people in administration and academic senate. You make a lot more money than I do, you're much smarter than I'll ever be and you have really cool long titles before your names that I can only dream of.

But despite the fact that you all use much longer words than me in your conversational vocabulary, I like to think we're at the same level in the area of human courtesy.

So give us this one justice. For

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the same reason you tip children at lemonade stands. For the same reason you send a thank you note to your aunt, even though the scarf she gave you was really ugly. For the same reason you say "hello" to the security guard at Taco Bell, no matter how much he looks like Horshack from "Welcome Back Kotter."

Prove to us that not everything we learned in Mr. Roger's Neighborhood was complete bullshit.

Give us teacher evaluations. Not because you have to but because it's good karma. It's courteous. It's fair.

This school doesn't have the money to constantly provide us with quality teaching in every single classroom. That's okay, people in administration and the academic senate. We know you're doing the best you can and it's all pete wilson's fault anyway.

Just let us defend ourselves. If you don't have any more money to feed your cat, you should at least let it out of the house so it can kill a bird or two. It's the right thing to do.

It's probably not even going to be as bad as you think.

Sure I have a bad teacher who I want to expose. I've had some

good ones too.

I had a wonderful human development teacher who sparked my interest in social behavior and influenced me to take all my elective units in 300 level psychology classes when I could have taken badminton 10 times like everyone else.

I think my fellow classmates deserve to know about her.

There need be no investigations, firings or public stonings in the U.U. for teachers without positive ratings. Just a little free speech to make things easier for students in an academic world that is quickly becoming more difficult.

It's not even like evil terrorist guerrillas from some fascist third world country or *The Poly Review* are trying to organize this. This is credible. It's ASI. They all dress nice and have useless little nameplates and lots of classy stationary and they argue policy all the time for fun. Trust me, they're harmless, but in a pretty responsible kind of way.

This doesn't have to be a bad thing and despite our comparatively small vocabularies and lack of long titles, we students are pretty grown up.

I think we can handle the responsibility.

I remember sitting in the walrus' final and one of the essay questions was about legislation of social services. All I could remember having anything to do with legislation was this "Schoolhouse Rock" commercial I heard while watching children's television when I was 8 years old. You know the one (...yes I am a bill, I am only a bill, and I'm sitting here on Capital hill...).

I got a 15/15 on that question and aced the final.

I don't know what the most unjust part about the class was — that I didn't learn anything or that I got an 'A' by regurgitating Saturday morning cartoons.

I do know there are about 120 students sitting in a class this quarter knowing exactly who I'm talking about while wishing they too had some way to warn the campus.

It's the right thing to do.

Give us teacher evaluations.

*Peter Hartlaub is a journalism senior. He used to quote Ice-T a lot, but then it got trendy.*

## EDITORIAL

# Be safe by being informed

**The Issue:** During a recent string of related sexual assaults, Cuesta College students living in Cal Poly's Sierra Madre residence halls were not informed that one of the assaults occurred in Sierra Madre.

**Our Opinion:** Although attempts had been made, more could have been done to inform residents about the fact that an assault had taken place within their community. In the editorial staff's opinion, the failure to inform residents was not only inconsiderate but arguably may have further endangered residents with a false sense of security.

As a publishing entity operating within a society which cherishes both a free press and the ability to disseminate vast amounts of information, it would seem somewhat more than slightly hypocritical if Mustang Daily did not speak out upon becoming aware of any failure to fully inform the public.

Especially if that information may be vital to the public's safety.

Specifically, we refer to one of a string of attacks occurring within the period from Nov. 18 to Dec. 12 of last year.

During this time, four women, three of them Cal Poly students, were assaulted by what police believe to be a single attacker.

The most recent attack took place in Cal Poly's own housing community; the Sierra Madre residence halls.

Few people, including many of the residents of Sierra Madre, knew of this incident until reading of it in Mustang Daily on Jan. 8 of the following year.

It would be easy to let this lapse in inter-hall communication be excused under the pretext that most students had already left for the winter break, or that, among the Cuesta students who remained, no purpose would be served by "making people nervous."

However, assault and rape, be they completed or even merely attempted, are very serious crimes that can physically and mentally devastate an individual.

That makes them crimes too serious to be ignored.

The Cal Poly dorms have established rules to protect residents from comparatively harmless actions such as drinking, smoking and water fights. One would think they would use the same tenacity in dealing with something potentially far more devastating.

The residence hall administration has failed, in the past, to inform not only its residents but its employees as well, as is evident by stories on today's front page.

"I was never told, as an R.A., through official channels that a rape occurred." — Jon Gillet, a former resident adviser.

This kind of negligence within a self-contained community is inexcusable. The attempt at contacting the residents through an all-hall meeting should have been the first in a series of attempts to not only inform but assure them that further precautions should and would be taken.

There is a tenuous line between the safety of a group of vulnerable people and covering your own ass in terms of watching your reputation.

Unfortunately, officials in the Cal Poly dorms have, albeit unwittingly, crossed over that line.

The string of carelessly initiated circumstances surrounding this incident, such as the changing of locks in all towers which forced Tower Zero to leave its door open, only serves to further illustrate the need for the on-campus housing community to establish a better system of communication, if not prevention, concerning events of this nature.

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## ATTACK

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Business administration senior Jon Gillett, a former resident adviser who lives in Sierra Madre, said communication was lacking when he was a resident adviser last year.

"I was never told, as an R.A., through official channels that a rape occurred," Gillett said. "When there is a rape someone should make a general statement that rapes (and) attacks occur on campus, and a general warning issued."

But while residents of Sierra Madre were informed of the attack in an all-hall meeting, there was no such meeting at nearby Tenaya Hall.

Many dorm residents left their doors unlocked before news of the attack, said speech communication freshman Jennifer Machi, who lives in Tenaya. Now she says people are more cautious. "I think everyone around here locks their doors a lot more," she said.

Lamb said Tenaya Hall did not have a meeting because the coordinator of student development there, Christopher Lamb, did not return from his honeymoon in time to coordinate it. But there will be a meeting this weekend, he said.

Police are still looking for the attacker who entered through the unlocked door of a student's second-story dorm room. The 18-year-old Cal Poly student was awakened by a man who climbed on top of her. He fled when she bit his tongue as he attempted to kiss her.

They suspect the same man in three other similar attacks on women in the area. The suspect is described as a male, between 18 and 25 years old, with short dirty-blond hair and long fingernails.

## BUDGET

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sorry.  
"We sort of do some crystal-balling and guess where our enrollment should be. If we were to go ahead and reduce enrollment as quickly as they reduce our budget, then we'd end up with all kinds of problems."

Although the picture looks bleak for Cal Poly students concerned with fee increases and possible departmental cuts, Cal Poly administrators say no official decisions have been made yet.

"It needs to be emphasized that this is only the governor's proposal," said Rick Ramirez, budget director for Cal Poly. "When it's all over, the cuts could increase — as they did this year — or they could be much less."

"It's too soon for panic. This is only what the governor is proposing, not necessarily what the Legislature will agree to."

Wilson's proposed cuts fell within the range Cal Poly administrators were expecting.

"We're dealing with a range of between zero and 10 percent and his proposed cuts fall well within our range," Crabb said. "It's kind of funny because a 5 to 6 percent budget cut actually could be catastrophic. But because we planned for so much more, it actually doesn't seem that bad."

"We look at it and say, 'We can handle this.' I guess it's kind of a conditioning."

College deans are currently working together to determine departmental cuts, Crabb said.

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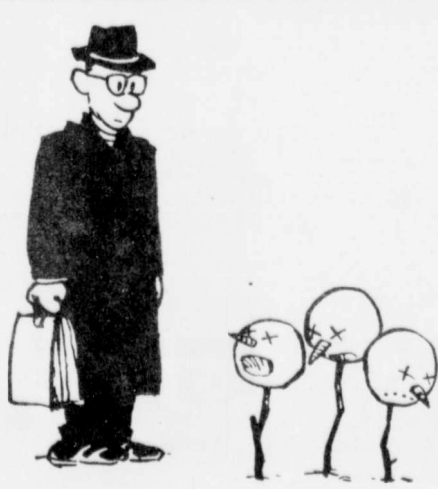
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